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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed on November 14, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

a. Applicants have failed to specifically point out the support in the original disclosure for each of the newly presented claim limitations (see M.P.E.P. 714.02).

Currently amended claim 1 recites "first and second wings extending proximally from said ball socket" (see lines 4-6). Examiner believes there is no description in the specification stating which way is proximal and which way is distal.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.  
**EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Javier G. Blanco whose telephone number is 703-605-4259. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.), first Friday of the bi-week off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine McDermott can be reached on 703-308-2111. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306 for regular communications and After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0858.

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